(d) if so, the number of total colleges and universities set up during the Ninth Plan; and

(e) to what extent, they will be increasing during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (e) The Government has been encouraging growth of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system in the country and during the Tenth Plan period it is proposed to increase the enrolment in the ODL system to the extent of 40% from the existing 20% in the Higher Education Sector. While in the Ninth Plan period, there were ten Open Universities, including Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), and 64 Correspondence Courses Institutes (CCIs), in the Tenth Plan 8 new State Open Universities are envisaged and 35 new CCIs of the conventional Universities would be brought under the ODL system.

The Government has established a 24 hours dedicated educational T.V. Channel, Gyan Darshan for higher education through ODL system. Recently, on 26th January, 2003 another Channel Eklavya Channel dedicated for technical education has been launched.

Alternative arrangement for demolished school buildings

†3810. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya's building at Sardar Patel Road has been demolished;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the arrangements made for studies of about 800 students who were studying in the said school; and

(c) whether regular classes are being held immediately after the beginning of the session, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sardar Patel Road was being

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

run in temporary sheds of KV, Gole Market and not at Sardar Patel Marg. These temporary sheds have now been demolished, as they were old. All the students have been adjusted in the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Goel Market, New Delhi.

(c) Regular classes are being held as usual.

Abolition of sections/classes in kendriya Vidyalayas

3811. SHRIGAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3215 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th December, 2002 and state :

(a) the region-wise details of Kendriya Vidyalayas in which some sections, class-wise, have been abolished and/or increased during the preceeding three sessions including the current one;

(b) the details of Kendriya Vidyalayas closed/merged with other ones during this period alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of Kendriya Vidyalayas which are proposed to be opened during 2003-04 session?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) Information is being collected.

(b) The details of Kendriya Vidyalayas closed/merged with other ones during the preceeding three sessions are given in Statement-I *(See* below).

(c) It is proposed to open 58 new Kendriya Vidyalayas during 2003-04 as per State-wise details in Statement-II *(See* below). Some more Kendriya Vidyalayas may be opened depending upon the need as well as feasibility for opening Kendriya Vidyalayas in various parts of the country.